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Applicant: SHUICHI KANNO ET AL
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CONTAINING GAS

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 44 as follows:

(A copy of the marked-up version of the amended claim is attached to this Amendment.)

44. (Amended twice) A process according to Claim 40, wherein the catalyst further comprises 7.2 to 61.3% by weight of zinc oxide.

REMARKS

Favorable consideration and allowance are respectfully requested for claims 40-51 and 75-79 in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

As an initial matter, according to page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner believes that claims 75-78 are directed to an invention that is independent from the